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ANTIVIRAL THERAPY  
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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116, WITH REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2007, setting a three (3) month term for reply. It is believed that no fee is due for submission of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fees for this paper, or credit any overpayment in fees for this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.